

Utahn Reaches Ninety Today

KAYSVILLE — Four generations of Marthas were together recently at Kaysville when a daughter, granddaughter and great-granddaughter visited Mrs. Martha M. Burton, who will celebrate her 90th birthday Wednesday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. F. B. Ringer of Kaysville. Mrs. Burton's mother also was named Martha.

Mrs. Burton was born Feb. 19, 1857, at Provo, a daughter of Erastus and Martha Jones Mecham, early pioneers, who arrived in Utah July 25, 1847. The family lived in Fairview, Salt Lake City and then North Ogden, where Mrs. Burton met Joseph H. Burton, whom she married Sept. 6, 1875.

The couple made their home in Park Valley, Box Elder county, for 46 years, where Mr. Burton became known for his ability as a farmer and cattleman. Friends, neighbors and others came from miles around to Mrs. Burton, who, without special training, successfully set fractured bones, bandaged serious cuts and nursed the sick.

A leading figure of her community in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mrs. Burton was president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Assn. for 27 years, president of the Relief Society for eight years and had been an active leader in the Sunday school since she was 12 years old and for many years in the Primary Assn.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1925 and Mr. Burton died in 1927.

Six of the 11 sons and daughters of Mrs. Burton are living. They are Joseph H. Burton, Burley, Ida.; Mrs. D. P. Frost, Sparks, Nev.; Mrs. W. R. Funk, Rosemead, Cal.; Iven H. Burton, Park Valley, Utah, and Ira J. Burton, West Jordan. She also has 43 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.



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